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For the Benefit of the ROYAL INFIRMARY.

In St MARY's CHAPEL, Niddry's Wynd, on WEDNESDAY the 26th November, will be OPEN'D, for the inspection of the Public,

AN EVENING COMIC EXHIBITION

Conſiſting of Tranſparent and other PAINTINGS, being

ORIGINAL SKETCHES

FROM THE

FOLLY OF THE TIMES.

The whole divided into Four Parts.

An Explanation to each Piece will be given by AN ARTIST.

Moſt of the Words, particularly the Law and Phyſical parts, written by GEO. ALEXANDER STEVENS, Maſter of Mirth.

The doors will be opened at a quarter paſt ſix, and the Explanation to begin preciſely at ſeven o'clock.

Tickets (without which no body can be admitted *this Night*) price 2s. 6d. to be had at Mr Williamſon's, in the Luckenbooths; where a Catalogue, with an elegant Engraving, price only 3 d. may be had, and at the admiſſion office during the exhibition.

MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

ROBERT ROSS, at his Muſic-ſhop Fountain Well, continues to ſell, MUSIC and MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS—Has got very lately from London an aſſortment of Violins, German and common Flutes, Fifes, Guittars, &c. Stone very good and neat Piano Fortes, for ſale or lending out.—Violin, Violincello, and Guittar ſtrings; Muſic-paper of all kinds, Muſic-paper books, bound or half bound; Wire of all kinds for Piano Forte, Harpſichord, and Spinet Strings—The neweſt Songs in ſheets or half-ſheets; with great variety of other articles in the Muſical way.—Inſtruments mended and put in order; Muſic exactly copied.

Piano Fortes, Harpſichords, Spinets, Violins, Guittars, &c. &c. tuned and lent out, per month, quarter, or year.

N. B. Commiſſions from the country carefully anſwered.

ROYAL BANK, EDINBURGH, 17th October 1783.

THE Court of Directors of the Royal Bank of Scotland give notice, That a General Court of Proprietors will be held at their Office in Edinburgh, on Tueſday 25th November next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, purſuant to the charter.

ARCH^D. HOPE Secretary.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, 19th Nov. 1783.

THE General Meeting of Proprietors in December 1783, will be held at their Office, on Monday the 8th at noon.

It is expected the Proprietors will attend on ſpecial buſineſs.

THOMAS STEUART Secretary.

MONEY TO LEND.

ON Heritable Security, Eight, Ten, or Twelve Hundred Pounds Sterling. None need apply who cannot give ſecurity on lands free of prior incumbrances.

Apply to John Tawſe writer in Edinburgh.

BOARDING.

AN Engliſh Lady has accommodation for two or three BOARDERS, who will be admitted on moderate terms.

Enquire of Mrs Raſton, M'Lellan's Land, being that large ſtone-tenement adjoining the Graſs-market.

ALEXANDER INGRAM,

Teacher of MATHEMATICS in Edinburgh,

HAVING, after a comparative trial, been choſen to the Mathematical School at Leith, begs leave to inform the Public, That he will begin to teach all the branches of Mathematics, with Writing, Arithmetic, and Book-keeping, at the Convening Houſe there, on Monday the 1ſt December next.

N. B. He may be ſpoke with at Mr Coke's Shop, any day between twelve and one o'clock.

EDUCATION.

J. JOHNSTON Teacher, Niddry's Wynd, teaches, in different claſſes, Engliſh Grammar at 7 s. 6 d. Writing at 5 s. Arithmetic at 6s. Book-keeping and Mathematics as uſual per quarter.

Next week he begins a Claſs of Boys, and will ſoon begin another of Girls, for Engliſh Grammar.—Specimens of his hand writing, which meet with great approbation, may be ſeen by calling at his houſe.

He has evening hours for young people who are engaged through the day.

School-boys boarded, and their education ſuperintended, at Six Pounds Sterling per quarter.

MRS CAMERON, widow of the deceaſed Hugh Cameron Stabler in Edinburgh, carries on buſineſs, at her houſe, head of the Cowgate, as uſual.

N. B. The London Fly by Carliſle, and the Dumfries Fly, go and come three times a-week. Glaſgow Fly every lawful day.

Nov. 22. 1783.

ENGLISH APPLES.

JUST arrived, by the Lovely Mary, and to be ſold at the ſhop of Daniel Stewart, at the foot of Forreſter's Wynd, Cowgate, Edinburgh,

A Parcel of Fine Engliſh Apples, for table and kitchen uſe; Golden Pippins, Nonpareils, and very fine table ſmall Ruſſets, large Ruſſets, Pulwoods, Royal Pearmains, Red Straiks, and Golden Reinets, &c.; China Oranges, Lemons, new Walnuts, and common Prunes.

Commiſſions, with ready money, will be carefully anſwered.

FRUITS.

JUST arrived from Malaga, in the Lady Frances, Archibald Pottenger maſter, a Cargo, conſiſting of the following FRUITS, viz.

Muſcatell Raiſins in boxes,	Lemons in ditto,
Bloom Raiſins in jars,	Pomgranates in boxes,
Sun Raiſins in caſks,	Jordan Almonds in caſks,
Lexica Raiſins in caſks and frails,	Valentia Almonds in ditto,
Wine Grapes in jars,	Figs in caſks and frails,
China Oranges in cheſts,	Shoemack in bags,—and
Seville Oranges in ditto,	A parcel of Cork.

Orders addreſſed to John Thomſon and Co. of Thomas Waugh, Leith, will be punctually anſwered.

BEST FRESH DANTZICK HONEY.

JUST imported in Kegs and Caſks, from 12 to 40 Pints, and to be ſold at a very moderate price, by James Hall, in Grant's Land, Tolbooth Wynd, Leith; who has alſo a parcel of fine Pearl Aſhes for ſale in batts and ſmall caſks.

TO BE SOLD,

Standing at Mr Smith's Stables under the Bridge,

A Handſome CHESNUT HORSE. He has been hunted this ſeaſon, and is in good order.

TO BE SOLD,

A Faſhionable London-made GIG, with Harneſs, Bridle, and Reins, complete for one horſe, the property of a gentleman.

For particulars, enquire at Meſſ. Home, Cleghorn, and Wilſon, coachmakers, Prince's Street.

N. B. The Gig was new laſt ſummer.

This day is publiſhed,

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Delectando pariterque monendo.——HOR.

☞ CETTE COLLECTION etant tirée des Ouvrages des plus CELEBRES AUTEURS DRAMATIQUES François, l'Editeur oſe ſe flatter qu'elle ſera reçue favorablement du Public, ſur tout des Maîtres qui enſeignent la langue Françoiſe. LES ELEVES y trouveront des Comedies et des Tragedies agreables et inſtructives, on ils pourront ſe former le goût, et apprendre en même temis les idiotiſmes et le genie de la langue. Quoique l'on ait eu principalement en vue dans ce RECUEIL la jeuneſſe, on oſe cependant aſſurer que les perſonnes de tout âge y trouveront de l'amuſement et de l'inſtruction.

On the 12th of December next will be publiſhed,

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1. An explanation of the principles of this ſcience, and an account of the moſt remarkable epochs, æras, and periods in hiſtory, the dates and quantities of which are aſcertained.

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7. Many Supplemental Tables, requiſite to the illuſtration of ſeveral parts of the ſyſtem; the uſe of every table is ſhown and illuſtrated.

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PRACTICE OF THE LAW,

BY

WALTER ROSS, WRITER TO THE SIGNET.

THIS branch of Education is propoſed to be completed in two years.

The firſt courſe of Lectures, upon the ſubject of PERSONAL RIGHTS, was delivered laſt Winter.

The ſubject for the preſent ſeaſon is that of the HERITABLE RIGHTS OF SCOTLAND.

The PRACTICE of the COURTS is to employ the Summer Seſſions.

The claſs opens upon Tueſday the 25th curt. at one o'clock afternoon.

FORGERY.

WHEREAS ſome Forged NOTES, in imitation of the Twenty Shilling Notes, dated 2d May 1781, of the ABERDEEN BANKING COMPANY, have appeared within theſe few days; the Public will pleaſe be informed, that there are many diſcrepancies betwixt theſe and the real Notes; but it is only neceſſary to prevent the Public from being impoſed upon to mention the following, viz.

1ſt, That there is no Water-mark in the paper of the Forged Notes.

2d, That the Seal is wanting. And,

3dly, That the Subſcriptions, Creditor's Name, and Figures, are ſo imperfectly imitated in them, that they will be eaſily diſtinguiſhed from the real Note.

The Aberdeen Banking Company hereby offer a reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS to any perſon or perſons who ſhall give information againſt the offender or offenders, ſo that they may be brought to juſtice, and convicted; to be paid by the Company's Caſhier, upon conviction of one or more of the offenders.

Meeting by Adjournment.

A GENERAL MEETING of Noblemen, Gentlemen, Owners, Leſſee and dealers in Coals, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, is to be held by adjournment on Wedneſday the 3d December, at the houſe of Mr Walker vintner in Writer's Court, at 12 o'clock noon, in order to receive the report of a Committee, and when all perſons intereſted are intreated to attend by themſelves or theirs.

Sundry letters from different parts, addreſſed to Mr Buchan their clerk, were received and laid before the laſt meeting.—Some of theſe letters complained of exactions by bond and cocket, impoſed of late years by cuſtom-houſe officers on goods, and in particular for Flax, the raw material of our ſtaple manufacture, and ſubject to no duties on import, when ſhipped to croſs the river by ferry boats at Leith.—Others, that the benefit of the navigation to Glaſgow, was from the ſame cauſe, in ſome meaſure loſt for the conveyance of various kinds of goods, which are at preſent obliged to be carried by land from Leith, &c. to Glaſgow, Falkirk, and other places, and in particular, almoſt every thing to Falkirk.

Any further advice from perſons who cannot attend the next meeting, are deſired to be adreſſed to Mr John Buchan writer to the ſignet, and to whom, any perſons or ſocities willing to contribute towards defraying the expence of the intended applications at London, may pay or remit the ſame.

A Commodious HOUSE and WAREHOUSE

TO BE SOLD,

ON Wedneſday the 10th of December 1783, will be expoſed to Sale by Auction, at one o'clock, in the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh,

A HOUSE, conſiſting of three rooms, a kitchen, a garret, and cellar, lately poſſeſſed by THOMAS CHURNSIDE, in Crichton-ſtreet, George's Square.

The houſe is moſt conveniently ſituated for buſineſs, and has been much frequented as a HABERDASHERY WARE-ROOM for ſome years.

The articles of ſale and titles will be ſeen in the hands of Francis Strachan, writer to the ſignet.

TO be SOLD by Public roup and ſale within the houſe of Mr Ettle vintner in Inverneſs, upon Tueſday the 20th of January 1784, betwixt the hours of four and ſix afternoon,

That large DWELLING-HOUSE, ſituated on the weſt ſide of the river Neſs (commonly called the Blue Houſe), with the garden and pertinents thereto belonging.

The articles of ſale and inventary of the title deeds, are in the hands of Mr Duncan Grant writer in Inverneſs, and copies thereof may be had by applying to Lachlan Duff writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh.

D U N N ' s

TWELVE SUBSCRIPTION ASSEMBLIES.

JAMES DUNN, with his moſt reſpectful thanks to the Nobility and Gentry for favours formerly received, takes this method of informing them, That, upon Tueſday the 6th of January 1784, he intends to OPEN his Aſſembly Room upon the following plan, which he humbly hopes will be agreeable to to the public.

Each Gentleman's ſubſcription-ticket to be Two Guineas, with twelve tickets tranſferable only to Gentlemen. The Ladies' One Guinea, with twelve tickets tranſferable only to Ladies, and each of theſe tranſferable tickets to pay Three Shillings at admittance; but the ſubſcription-tickets not tranſferable.

J. Dunn humbly hopes, that ſuch Ladies who mean to countenance him will honour the Aſſembly with their preſence the firſt night, for the purpoſe of appointing twelve Ladies for directing each Aſſembly in turn, who may, upon their own night, make choice of what Gentlemen they pleaſe to aſſiſt them.

N. B. The Aſſemblies are to be held on Tueſdays weekly.

☞ The ſubſcription book is opened at the Hotel, where the tickets will be given out.

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After the example of the Edinburgh College, the better to aſcertain the articles of the Materia Medica in general, each is ſpecified according to the Linnæan ſyſtem.

Of William Creech may alſo be had, juſt publiſhed,

1. Lexicon Phyſico Medicum, or a New Medical Dictionary, explaining the difficult terms uſed in the ſeveral branches of the profeſſion; 9th edition, price 6s. bound.

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11. The Works of the late Dr Elſe.

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A SALE OF HOSIERIES.

THERE is now ſelling off at the Shop of Charles Wallace, Hoſier, Exchange, Edinburgh, at and greatly below prime coſt, a large and neat aſſortment of HOSIERIES, in which there is a great choice of Silk Hoſe, Silk and Worſted Hoſe, and Ribbed and Plain Worſted Hoſe.——As the preſent ſtock on hand is intended to be entirely diſpoſed of, great pennyworths will be given.

Attendance from eight in the morning till eight in the evening.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THOSE Perſons who are anyways indebted to the eſtate of the late Mr ALEXANDER GRANT, Sheriff Clerk of Inverneſs, are hereby requeſted to make ſpeedy payment to Mrs Grant, at Stoneyfield. And as Mrs Grant is taking meaſures to pay the debt due by the ſaid Alexander Grant, as ſoon as poſſible, ſhe therefore deſires that thoſe who have demands may tranſmit accurate notes thereof, ſpecifying the grounds of their claims without delay.

FARMS, IN THE COUNTY OF PEEBLES, TO LET.

THE following Farms upon the eſtate of Skirling, pariſh thereof, and county of Peebles, viz.

I. That Farm called LOANHEAD, ſome time poſſeſſed by Alexander White, conſiſting of the following particulars:

	A.	R.	F.
Croft land and arable field land,	195	3	27
Meadow ground incloſed,	3	0	7
In all	198	3	36

II. The Farm called the NEWMAINS of SKIRLING, conſiſting of

	A.	R.	F.	
Croft and arable field land,	153	2	5	
Meadow ground,	11	0	14	
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Theſe two farms are preſently in graſs, and may be entered to at Whitſunday next. They will be ſet either ſeparately or in one farm, which laſt they will anſwer extremely well.

III. The Farm called KNOCKEND, lying in the ſaid pariſh of Skirling, preſently poſſeſſed by James Wilſon, conſiſting

	A.	R.	F.
Of croft land incloſed,	7	3	22
Croft and arable land not incloſed,	206	2	30
In all,	214	2	10

This laſt farm will be entered to at Whitſunday next, as to the houſes and graſs, and to the arable land at the ſeparation of the crop from the ground.

Theſe farms are all fine dry ground, and the barony of Skirling is remarkable for producing grain of the beſt quality.

The Baron Officer at Skirling will ſhow the grounds. Mr James Henderſon at Kirkurd will inform as to every particular, and who inclines to take any of theſe farms may apply to Cornelius Elliot writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh, who has powers to let the ſame.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *Nov.* 18.

St James's, November 18.

THE King has been pleased to appoint John Lee, Esq; his Majesty's Solicitor-General, to be his Majesty's Attorney General, in the room of James Wallace, Esq; deceased.

And to appoint James Mansfield, Esq; one of his Majesty's Counsel, to be his Solicitor-General.

Whitehall, November 18.

The King has been pleased to appoint Admrd Clarke, Esq; to be Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Jamaica.

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland, all dated Octob. 1, 1783.

Royal Irish Regiment of Artillery.

John Straton, Esq; to be Colonel Commandant.
Richard Betteswortb, Esq; to be Lieutenant Colonel.
William Brady, Esq; to be Major.
Joseph Shewbridge, Esq; to be Captain.

To be Captain-Lieutenants,

James Wilson, Mathew Nash, William Smith, William Wright, John Daniel Arabin, and Charles Moore, Esqrs.

To be First Lieutenants,

William Buchanan, George Cowell, Richard Legge, John Bourchier, Arthur Tyrrell, William Moore, sen. Gent.

INTELLIGENCE from LLOYD'S, *Nov.* 18.

Deal, 14. Last night, the Elizabeth, Gourd, of Lymington, from Swanage, for Ramsgate, after springing a leak, was obliged to be run on shore near this place in a hard gale of wind, where she was entirely lost, and one man drowned.

Chichester, 16. The Mary Anne, Smith, from Jamaica (last from Spithead) for London, drove ashore in a violent gale the night before last on the oars. The ship and sugars, it is feared, will be entirely lost; but the rum and materials will in all probability be saved, as the weather is now moderate.

Captain Fisher, of the Union, arrived in the Downs from New York. On the 26th ult. spoke the brig Friendship, from Dublin, for Philadelphia, with passengers, in lat. 46. 24. long. 30. 56.

The Blandford, Troup, from Jamaica, to Clyde, is totally lost on the Isle of Pines near Cuba.

The Benjamin, Pitt, from Newfoundland, to Naples, was left well the 16th ult. off Cape St Vincents.

HOUSE of PEERS, *Nov.* 17.

This day the Duke of Portland presented to the House of Peers the Definitive Treaties between France, Spain, and the United States of America. The titles were read, and the Treaties ordered to lie on the Table.

Counsel were this day called to the Bar of the Hou: of Peers, to be further heard on the adjournment of the Writ of Error, between Mitchel and Gay, and Lord Rodney; Dr Wynne was heard for the defendant in error, and spoke for two hours, with great learning and ingenuity; he was followed, in a very able manner, by the Solicitor-General, after which the further consideration, (viz. the reply by Mr Kenyon, and the judgment of the House) was put off till this day.

HOUSE of COMMONS, *Nov.* 17.

Mr Secretary *Fox* this day desired the House to understand that he should be prepared to enter upon the business of his promised motion relative to the East India Company, and the state of our affairs in India, at half after three this day; he also said, that whenever the business of the day depended upon him, he should, throughout the session, come down, and be ready to open it at that hour.

Colonel *North* said, he rose in behalf of the Noble Lord at the head of affairs for the home department, who was confined to his room by illness. That the noble Lord had, within the last day or two, received, in the course of official business, a copy of the resolutions recently come to by the General Court of Proprietors of the East India Company; but as those resolutions contained something similar to the tendency of the former resolutions of the General Court, which had been transmitted to another noble Lord, (the immediate predecessor in office of the noble Lord, on the part of whom he was then speaking) and as that noble Lord had then thought it became him to withhold his approbation, and, upon stating what he had done, and his reasons for it, his conduct had met with the acquiescence of that House, the noble Lord now in office had felt it to be his indispensable duty to act in the same manner, and the more especially as Parliament was not only now sitting, but as that House was on the eve of taking a state of the East India Company and of our possessions in the East into their most serious consideration.

Admiral *Pigot* gave notice, that he meant, on Wednesday next, to move for the vote of seamen for the service of the year 1784.

Sir *Thomas Davenport* rose with a motion in his hand, which, he said, not only, in the first instance, deeply concerned a Gentleman who was a Member of that House, but, he would be fair to acknowledge, was meant to be followed up with proceedings upon an indictment for perjury against Christopher Atkinson, Esq. Sir Thomas said, he would forbear entering upon the whole of the case, till the papers his motion called for were properly before the House; he would only therefore say, that, exclusive of the magnitude and enormity of the crime, of which the party indicted had been convicted, the consequences of the indictment had been so extremely disgraceful to the person convicted, that he did not doubt there was not a gentleman present who would not, when he had been fully informed of them, be of opinion, that the person alluded to ought not any longer to be allowed to sit among them. Sir Thomas concluded with moving,

"That the proper officers do lay before this House a copy "of the record of the proceedings upon the indictment in the "Court of King's Bench against Christopher Atkinson, Esq; "Member of this House."

The same, upon the question put, was ordered accordingly.

A new writ for Clithero, in the room of John Lee, Esq; Attorney-General. And also,

A new writ for the University of Cambridge, in the room of James Mansfield, Esq; Solicitor-General, were moved for yesterday in the House of Commons.

Sir William Cunningham presented a Bill for making a Canal from Borrowstounness, which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Lord North presented a copy of a letter from Lord Shelburne, relative to the recall of Sir Elijah Impey, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature at Calcutta.

Mr Ord reported from the Committee of the whole House on Friday last, the resolution on the motion for a Supply—the same being read, was agreed to, and the Committee of Supply ordered for to-morrow.

The annual estimates were, upon motion, ordered to be laid before the House.

A motion was made, "that the order, dated the 8th day of July last be read;" the same was accordingly read, as follows, viz.

"That there be prepared, in order to be laid before this "House, in the beginning of the next session of Parliament, a "copy of the plans formerly laid before the House, of the several buildings to be carried on at Somerset House, with the "additions since made thereto, and the authority under which "such additions were made; and also, an estimate of the sums "which will be required to complete the same, respectively; "and an estimate of what will complete the whole buildings at "Somerset House, with a particular plan of the purpose for "which each building is intended, and by whom respectively "authorised to be undertaken; and also an account of the "sums received and paid, with the dates when received, and "when disbursed, and to whom disbursed; and also an account of the sums due on account of the said buildings at "Midsummer last."

The said account was then upon motion ordered to be laid before the House.

The annual estimates were then moved for, viz.

"An estimate of the ordinary of the navy, with a list of the "half-pay officers of the navy, &c.

"An estimate of the charge for buildings, re-buildings, and "repair of ships of war, &c.

"An estimate of the charge for guards and garrisons, and "other land forces, &c.

"An estimate of the charge of the office of Ordnance for "the land service, &c.

"A list of the regimental and warrant officers of his Majesty's land forces, and such officers of marines as were reduced before the last war, who are to be on half pay, &c.

"An estimate of the charge of out-pensioners of Chelsea "Hospital,

"An account of services incurred, and not provided for by "Parliament."

It was then moved,

"That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, that "he will be graciously pleased to give directions to the proper "officers to lay before the House the said estimates; lists of accounts, &c."

The said Address was upon motion ordered to be presented to his Majesty by such Members as are Privy Counsellors.

The following papers were also moved for, viz.

"Copies of the resolutions of the General Courts of the "East India Company in June and October 1782, and of the "7th instant;" and also,

"A copy of all the standing orders of the East India Com"pay now in force, as well as those that have been repealed, "or dispensed with, from the 1st of January 1774, to the pre"sent time, with the reasons and grounds on which they have "been repealed or dispensed with."

From the London Papers, Nov. 18.

LONDON.

This morning some dispatches were received from the East-Indies, brought over in a Danish East-Indiaman, which is arrived off Plymouth. The letters by her mention, that two of the Company's ships would be ready to sail from Bengal in May last, so that they are expected to arrive here in the course of next month.

Yesterday some dispatches were received from Newfoundland, brought over in his Majesty's ship Salisbury, of 50 guns, Admiral Campbell, which is arrived at Portsmouth.

Yesterday morning dispatches were received from Paris, which also brought letters from Dr Franklin to the American Commissioners now in London.

On Sunday evening the Earl of Mansfield and Lord Loughborough had levees at their respective houses, the first as Speaker of the House of Lords, the other as First Commissioner of the Great Seal; the Right Hon. Charles Wolfran Cornwall, had also a levee at his house in Privy Gardens, as Speaker of the House of Commons; they were all three numerously attended, as the company went alternately from one to the other: Lord Mansfield's was not over till near eleven o'clock.

The King will not settle in town until after Christmas, he leaves the conduct of affairs entirely to ministry, and so satisfied is his Majesty with their judgment, that he gives his fiat without hesitation to such instruments as are sent him for signing. *Eng. Chron.*

The Prince of Wales has declared his intention to attend Parliament whenever any important questions are brought on the carpet, to make himself acquainted with the internal and external politics of the country.

Six yeomen of the guards are appointed, by the King's order, to attend on the Prince of Wales, at Carleton House.

William Birch, Esq; is appointed Solicitor to his Rroyal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Clerk of the Counsel of his Duchy in Cornwall.

Mr Mansfield, appointed the Solicitor General, in the room of Mr Lee, promoted to the office of Attorney General, was to have been Master of the Rolls; but as Sir Thomas Sewell could not be desired to resign without being provided for by a pension, which in the present state of the nation would have been burdensome, Administration preferred letting him continue Master of the Rolle, as long as his health would admit him to attend the duty of his office.

We are well informed that Lord John Cavendish will certainly resign his office of Chancellor of the Exchequer on or before the Christmas recess; and that an arrangement, including Mr Pitt and Lord Temple, will be brought about by the retreat of Lord North, with his pension of 4000 l. per annum. *Gen. E. Post.*

Lord Thurlow, it is confidently said, will again assume the Seals, and consequently preside as Speaker in the House of Lords, which is become too labarious for the Earl of Mansfield. *Ibid.*

Mr Mansfield has accepted the office of Solicitor General upon the promise of the Mastership of the Rolls, in case of a vacancy. *Ibid.*

Mr Mansfield set off for Cambridge on Saturday evening, in order to be re-elected, on being appointed Solicitor General. *Ibid.*

There will be a strong contest for Cambridge University, Lord Euston, and Mr Pitt, being both gone down to stand candidates, in opposition to Mr Mansfield. *Ibid.*

The return of Prince William Henry in the spring from Germany to England, is announced at Windsor Castle, and a naval experimental cabinet is making out for his Royal Highness's improvement. The hull of a miniature 74 gun ship, with all its inside apparatus, is now forming out by an eminent naval artist, who is to instruct the Royal sailor on his return in the whole process of rigging her in the present modern manner.

We are assured, that in the new arrangement of East-India affairs, Mr Dempster is to accept of some situation for which he is eminently qualified by his abilities and application to business, and from the minute knowledge he acquired of the East India Company's affairs while he was one of the directors; and surely says our correspondent, it is not possible for the ministers to find a man whose talents and character will give such universal satisfaction.

The Spaniards, we are assured, have offered several millions for Gibraltar, to be paid by instalments, and to keep possession till the whole is paid.

The following is the list of ships taken up by the India Company for the service of the present year, which will sail before Christmas:

* Lord Camden,	755	N. Dance, Esq;	Nat. Dance.
* Grenvile,	760	J. Farquarson,	B. Abercromie.
* Northington,	760	R. Preston,	W. Hardcastle.
* Hillsborough,	760	Ditto.	G. Blachford.
Egmont,	755	R. Williams,	J. Larkins.
* Granby,	755	D. Cameron,	J. Johnstone.
Mansfield,	760	Alex. Hume,	W. Frazer.
Royal Charlotte,	760	J. Clements,	Jos. Price.
Contractor,	760	J. Durand,	J. Baldwin.
Ponsborne,	760	Tho. Lane,	W. Hamett.
Valentine,	760	D. Cameron,	J. Lewis.
Royal Admiral,	900	Sir R. Hotham,	J. Huddart.
Neptune,	760	J. Hyndman,	Rob. Scott.

In all 10,005 tons of shipping, Company's measurement.

Ships thus marked * are new off the stocks.

Yesterday, the Lottery began drawing at Guildhall, when No. 1939 (a blank) was the first-drawn ticket, and as such entitled to 500 l.

No. 27,451, 18,839, 32,113, 27,835, 16,515, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 15,880, 45,917.

This day, at Guildhall, No. 25,938, was drawn a blank; but as first-drawn entitled to 500 l.

No. 26,541, 18,202, 46,483, 12,339, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 5783, 25,582, 27,100, 12,479.

PRICE OF STOCKS, Nov. 18.

Bank Stock, 117¼ a 117.	3 per cent. Old Ann. —
4 per cent Ann. 1777, 76½ a 76¾ a ⅞.	Ditto New Ann. —
	Ditto 1751, —
3 per cent. con. 58⅞ a ¾.	Exchequer Bills, —
3 per cent. red. 58½ a ¾.	Navy Bills, 15s a 14 dis.
3 per cent. 1726, —	3 per cent. Scrip. 60.
Long Ann. 17¼ a 13-16ths.	4 per cent. Scrip. —
Short Ann. 1778, 12¼ a 13-16ths.	Light Long Ann. —
India Stock, —	Omnium, —
3 per cent. Ann. —	Lottery Tickets, 13 l. 1 s. 2 d.
India Bonds, 32 a 25 dis.	
South Sea Stock, —	

WIND AT DEAL.

Nov. 15. N. W. 16. and 17. W. S. W.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Nov. 18.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

"Counsel were this day called to the Bar of the House of Peers, to be further heard on the adjourned argument of the Writ of Error between Mitchell and Gay and Lord Rodney. Mr Kenyon made a very able reply, and having concluded, Lord Thurlow rose up, and made several observations on what had fallen from the Counsell on both sides.

"His Lordship concluded with moving the following question to be put to the Judges:

"Is the Plaintiff entitled to recover from this special verdict?"

"The Judges requiring time to give answer, it was upon the question ordered, "that they do deliver their opinions upon the said question on Monday next.

"Two of the Commissioners from the Customs attended the house, and delivered pursuant to an order of last session, several accounts relative to the East India Company.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

"This day the House was fuller than we ever remember to have seen it so early in a Session.

"After various orders of the House were read, and Sir Charles Bunbury had pathetically recommended to Parliament, an attention to the state of the prisons of this kingdom, which he did on occasion of a petition relative to that subject, from the county of Glocester.

"Mr *Fox* laid before the House, his political system for the government of India. On this great occasion, the Right Hon. Secretary, if we can trust to our own judgment, or the plaudits of the House, or the murmurs of applause that ran through the gallery, fully supported, perhaps raised that eminent character to which the variety and extent of his abilities have so justly entitled him. If we were to divide his discourse into three parts, we should say, that the first was historical, the second argumentative, the third persuasive and pathetic. This is a general idea of his speech as a composition. We proceed, which is of more importance, to a detail of the matter which it contained.

"In the situation of responsibility, in which he stood, he observed, that it was matter of consolation, that the motion he was about to make with regard to India, did not originate with himself, did not arise from any prejudice, opinion or speculation of his own, but was pressed upon him by the situation of that country. He shewed, that it was at present in a state of anarchy and distraction. The House of Commons had given their advice to the Court of Directors to recall Mr Hastings, the Governor-General of Bengal; and the Court of Directors, like good subjects (for he would not have called them good subjects if they had acted otherwise,) had been obedient to the message of the House of Commons, and they recalled Mr Hastings accordingly. But the Court of Proprietors had countermanded the orders of the Directors; and their orders for the continuation of the Governor-General in his office were sent, as the law directs, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Mr Townshend, who with perfect propriety and consistency with duty, had detained them; Mr Hastings, therefore, stood in a situation new, singular, and extremely disagreeable to himself, and dangerous to the interests of Britain and India. He possessed *eminence* without *authority*, and *power* without *energy*. He had been recalled by Parliament, but continued by the Court of Proprietors; these things were known in India, and could not fail to make unfavourable impressions. The conjuncture was accordingly pressing, and the necessity of our situation obliged his Majesty's Ministers to interfere in the concerns of the East India Company, lest the affairs of both the Company and the nation should go to ruin. By calculations which it would afford no entertainment to our readers to repeat, but which were perfectly exact and well founded, he shewed that the Company were in debt eleven millions Sterling. Three millions of that debt they were able to liquidate; there remained a load

of eight millions; an enormous sum, and which was every year increasing. The Company demanded large loans from Government, which were indeed necessary to support their falling credit, but which Government could not in prudence or in justice to this country grant, without inspecting and assuming a controul over the Company's affairs. The experience of many years had proved how unfit the Proprietors and Directors were for the government of India. It had been thought fit, by the settlements made in 1773, for the government of that country, to leave with the Proprietors the choice and appointment of certain of their servants, and the management of their commercial affairs, for the conduct of which Parliament might not be so proper. As that Court, by the bill he was to move, would be deprived of part of their power, it would be necessary to enter into the reasons of that conduct, and to show, that it would be for the advantage of both the nation and the Company. The defects in the present constitution of the government of India, he said, might be almost all of them reduced to these two heads; rash and impolitic wars, and disobedience on the part of the Company's servants in India. The first arose from the necessity their servants in India were under, of pillaging not only as much from the natives as would establish their own fortunes, but also as much as would secure indemnity to themselves, by keeping up or raising the Company's investments. Disobedience of orders was encouraged both by the circumstances already mentioned, and by distance. The scheme he would propose for remedying these evils, would be such as should infuse into the government of India a greater portion of promptitude and vigour. He proposed that fifteen Commissioners for the government of India should be appointed; seven to be chosen by Parliament, and eight by the Court of Directors: In case one of the seven should die, his successor to be named by the King. The conduct of these men would be subject to the controul of Parliament, and certain particular rules afterwards to be specified. This he considered as the external government of India; and he promised to introduce a bill for its internal government, and the security of the natives in their lives and properties afterwards.

"Mr *Fox* then moved, "That leave be given to bring in "a bill for vesting the affairs of the East-India Company in "the hands of certain Commissioners for the benefit of the pro"prietors and the public."

"That leave be given to bring in a bill for the better go"vernment of the territorial acquisitions and dependencies in "India."

Colonel *North*, after making a few pertinent and sensible observations, seconded the motions, in absence of Lord North, who was unable to attend on account of indisposition.

"Mr *W. Pitt* rose and acknowledged the necessity of regulation, but disapproved of the Minister's plan; said it was an extraordinary assumption of arbitrary power against chartered rights, that gave the whole patronage of India to the Crown; and insisted that there should be a call of the House before the second reading of the bill. Mr Fox, in answer, said, he would not postpone the bill, but would, if permitted by the House, read the bill on the day he proposed.

"Mr *Macdonald* did not approve of the plan, but there was so much noise in the House, that none of his arguments reached the gallery.

"Governor *Johnstone* spoke for some time, in justification of Governor Hastings. Denied the Company being in a state of bankruptcy; said the debt was but a trifle, in comparison to the security, and defended the conduct of the Court of Proprietors. A gentleman in the direction spoke after Governor Johnstone, but as the House was unruly, the question for adjournment was put.

"It was then upon motion ordered, that Mr Secretary Fox, Lord North, Lord John Cavendish, &c. do prepare and bring in the proposed bill.

"The house was afterwards upon motion, ordered to be called over on that day fortnight, without circular letters being sent by the Speaker, and the non-attendants ordered to be taken into the custody of the Serjeant at arms."

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in Dublin to his Friend in Edinburgh, Nov. 15.

"Whatever the *patriotic* papers of this city may say, with regard to politics, you need be under no apprehensions of any great feats being done by those in opposition to Government. Indeed, they are as poor in numbers, as they are in point of property, to those of the well affected. A better instance of this need not be adduced than the divisions which you may observe in our Parliament. But, some timorous people on your side the water will be apt to say, "What is to be done with the *Delegates*, which compose the *grand National Convention?*" I will inform them.—These mighty rulers have already got business enough upon their hands to prevent them, for some time at least, from entering upon the very object of their meeting. They have received from one set of Roman Catholics, resolutions expressive of their thankfulness for what has already been done for them, and wishing for no further indulgencies. They have received, from another set of Roman Catholics, resolutions diametrically opposite, and these too presented by the famous Bishop of Derry. Before the Delegates determine which of these are to be adopted, for they have adjourned several times upon the subject, I have no doubt but Parliament will have finished the business of the nation, and adjourned for the Christmas recess.

Mrs Montgomerie of Skelmorly, wife of Alexander Montgomerie, Esq; of Coilsfield, died at Coilsfield on Tuesday the 18th instant: Her relations will please accept of this notification of her death.

Yesterday, the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, representative for this county, set out for London to attend his duty in Parliament.

Mr David Erskine, clerk to the signet, is appointed Agent for the Crown, in all criminal business within Scotland.

A few days ago, was shot at Pencaitland, a very remarkable bird. Mr Pennant gives a description of it in his British Zoology. He calls it the *Hoopoe*. It is a native of Egypt, though sometimes found in Sweden, but scarcely ever seen in Britain. It was sent to Mr Weir, who has preserved it, and added it to his collection.

We hear from Glasgow, that the Comic Opera of the Duenna was performed there last Monday evening, in which a young Gentleman, of the name of *Dalton*, appeared for the first time, *on any stage*, in the part of Don Carlos.—His powers, though evidently depressed by the timidity which attends a first appearance, had a very striking effect upon the audience, and exhibited singular proofs of his merit in the musical department.

Last night, was committed to the Tolbooth, by warrant of the Sheriff, Alexander Mowat, son of Alexander Mowat, wright, who suffered in the Grass-market in May last, for house breaking. This young man was some time since indicted, at the instance of his Majesty's Advocate, to stand trial before the High Court of Justiciary for house breaking; but having petitioned for banishment, the Court consented to it, on account of his youth. It would appear, however, that he had not long remained out of the kingdom. Yesterday, he was apprehended, on suspicion of breaking into a lien-house, in a back court of Argyle square, and stealing from thence two Cocks, two Hens, and a brass pan, which were found in his mother's house. As it is strongly suspected that the mother and daughter have encouraged this unhappy creature in his career of wickedness, and as there is great reason to believe, that they must have known the above articles to have been stolen, when they received them into their possession, they were likewise committed, till liberate in due course of law.

William Jamieson sailor, late on board the Inspector ship of war, Helen Dalziel his spouse, Elizabeth Kidd, and Barbara Robertson her daughter, have been all committed to the tolbooth, by warrant of the Sheriff, on suspicion of having broke into a weaver's shop in the Citadel of Leith, and cutting out of two looms, and carrying off two webs of linen cloth.

Monday last, Michael Harper, accused of having been in the practice of coining halfpence, was committed to the tolbooth of this city. In his declaration before the Sheriff, he denied the fact, and pretended, that the copper found in his possession was purchased for the making kitchen utensils; but on further enquiry in Gardener's Hall, (a small village betwixt Borrowstounness and Linlithgow) where he staid, about 15 d. of the halfpence were found, with the coining utensils. John Coutts residenter there, accused of having been concerned with Harper, was apprehended and committed to Borrowstounness goal. Before his commitment, he made a discovery of the whole matter. Harper is supposed to be an old offender, having been in Newgate, in London, on an accusation of said crime, but was discharged for want of evidence.

The Physician Class of the Royal Society of Edinburgh held their first meeting on Monday the 3d current, and elected Sir George Clerk, Sir James Grant, Dr William Cullen, and Dr Francis Home, Presidents; and the Rev. Dr John Walker, and Dr James Gregory, Secretaries for the ensuing year.

The Literary Class held their first meeting on Monday the 17th current, and elected Lord Elliock, Hay Campbell, Esq; Advocate, the Rev. Dr William Robertson, and the Rev. Dr Hugh Blair, Presidents; and Alexander Fraser Tytler, Esq; Advocate, and Mr Andrew Dalzel, Professor of Greek in the University of Edinburgh, Secretaries.

The Endeavour, Marshall, from Leith, arrived safe in the Thames the 14th instant.

The Lovely, Mary, Beatson, from London, arrived in Leith roads on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday there was held here a meeting of the owners and consumers of coals in the Frith of Forth. The EARL of ROSEBERY in the chair. Mr CHALMERS produced a report of his proceedings since last meeting, together with two memorials which he had presented to the Board of Customs in Scotland.

Sir JOHN DALRYMPLE said, that as the particular complaints in the memorials might come before him as a judge in another place, he could not give any opinion on the justice or injustice of any of them; but that he was at freedom to give his sentiments upon the general objects of the meeting, as the coal trade of the Frith was of vast consequence, not only to Scotland, but to the whole island.

That the business was in a bad train, as appeared from its not having succeeded in three years. But whatever errors had been committed could easily be remedied.

The first error was a quarrel which the managers had got into with the Commissioners of the Customs; a Board highly respectable, one of whom in particular, Mr Smith, was a man of the greatest extent of views and of virtue, whose known sentiments were, *that the best way to enrich the King was to spare the merchant.* That the attack came with the worse grace, because the charge was printed, but not the vindication: For he observed from the memorials, that the Commissioners had not only given an answer in writing by their secretary, to the memorialists demands, but had prepared a bill to Parliament for their relief, and yet neither of these papers were annexed to the memorials.

The next error is, that Mr Chalmers, in his applications at London, had not been sufficiently supported. The applications to Ministers upon general concerns should be by great bodies of men, and conducted by members of Parliament, instead of being trusted only to one hand, however highly he thought of that hand. That the memorialists should endeavour to get the city of Edinburgh, the counties round the Frith, the boroughs round the Frith, the city of Glasgow, the Chamber of Commerce of Glasgow, and the Convention of Royal Boroughs, to concur with them, all of whom had a great interest in the question.

That the objects of the meeting were two. *First*, That coals should pass from one part of the Frith to another without bonds and cockets. *Secondly*, That the Customhouse fees should be properly regulated.

With regard to the first, the Commissioners of Customs deserved no blame for insisting for them. The Crown lawyers have said that the law was clear, obliging the Commissioners to demand them. The lawyers on the other side, in their opinions printed in the memorials, had treated the question as doubtful. In this situation, what could the Commissioners do but what they have done? But though the Commissioners could give no redress, Parliament could, if it was proper to give it. It had been said that coals, a commodity of such insignificant value as 4 s. a ton, and so incapable from their bulk of being smuggled, were not the subjects of a bond and cocket, and that the English rivers were not subject to such embarrassments on the coal trade. If these things are true, application should be made to the Treasury and to Parliament, to procure an alteration of the law. And the present meeting should name a committee to inquire and report.

With regard to the second point, the regulation of fees, he thought the Commissioners of Customs were the persons to give redress to a certain extent, *to wit*, to oblige their officers to follow former regulations. But as these could not apply to new situations, he thought the Committee should make up a table of fees accommodated to the actual state of the trade of the Frith at this time; that they should lay it respectfully before the Board of Customs for their corrections, which should be adopted, if reasonable; that in this the Committee would be assisted by a table of fees which he heard had been made up by Commissioner Smith at London; and that if the Board would not or could not give sufficient relief, that then the memorialists should go to the Treasury and Parliament for relief; and that if what was reported was true, *to wit*, that the fees in many cases were half the value of the cargo, and equal to the whole value of the freight, that they had been raised twenty fold in twelve years; and that the expence of bonds, cockets, and fees, would lock up the use of the Canal altogether, on which the public, and private persons had bestowed so much,—redress was absolutely necessary.

And therefore he moved, that a committee should be appointed to inquire and report upon the facts stated in the memorials, and to report their opinion what should be done upon them.

The meeting accordingly named the Comm ttee.

For want of room, occasioned by the length of the Parliamentary debates, we are under the necessity of delaying, till Monday, the proceedings in the Irish House of Commons. Several correspondents favours, articles of intelligence, advertisements, &c. are unavoidably postponed for the same reason.

The LOVERS of HUMOUR *without* RIDALDRY, SATYRE *without* ACRIMONY, *and* CRITICISM *without* ASPERITY,

ARE respectfully informed, That on MONDAY Evening, the 24th of Nov. current, at the ASSEMBLY HALL, will be exhibited, for the first time in this Metropolis,

MARTINUS SCRIBBLERUS'

COMIC AND SATYRIC REVIEW

OF

Modern Orators and Oratory.

In which, amongst a variety of curious and original subjects, the following in particular, are introduced, though not "with all their imperfections on their heads," viz. The Bombastic Orator—the Malaprop Orator—the Vulgar-tongued Orator—the Word-clipping Orator—the Dogmatic Orator—the Lisping Orator—the Spluttling Orator—the Stammering Orator—the Anglo-Gallic Orator—the Magistratic Orator—the Plebeian Orator—the Spouting Orator—the Dramatic Orator—the Enthusiastic Orator—the Hibernian Orator—and the Caledonian Orator.

And of our late and present

FAVOURITE ACTORS;

Mr GARRICK drawing his own Picture, and deploring the ravages of Time, in his last Prologue to "Much ado about Nothing"

Mr Powel, in Hamlet;—Mr Digges, in Cardinal Wolsey;—Mr Henderson, in Sir John Falstaff;—Mr Smith, in King Henry V.—Mr Macklin, in Shylock the Jew;—Mr Moody, in Patrick O'Blunder;—Mr Edwin, in Mawworm;—Mr King, in Doctor Cantwell's Preachment;—And Mr FOOTE introducing his Caledonian Pupil, with a logical disquisition in the North British dialect, demonstrably proving that the Devil was the first Orator.

N. B. This exhibition is not only new and original, but totally dissimilar to any thing yet attempted, either by Mess. Walker, Herries, Stayley, Rice, Scott, Stevens, Carey, or even the never-to-be-forgotten Doctors GRAHAM and KATTERFELTO; and, as the authorhas neither the advantage of Cups, Balls, Cats, Kittens, Solar Microscopes, nor Celestial Beds, to recommend it to the Public, its success must therefore entirely depend on the impartial decision of a candid and distinguishing audience.

To begin exactly at Seven.—Admittance two Shillings.

PANTHEON.

MARY'S CHAPEL, Nov. 22. 1783.

AGREEABLE to former advertisement, the Society met upon Thursday the 13th current, to discuss the question, "Ought the "demands of the Irish Delegates to be granted?" After several Gentlemen had delivered their sentiments upon it, a motion of adjournment was made, and agreed to. The question was accordingly resumed last Thursday, when a very animated and interesting debate took place; In the course of which, it having been thrown out, that it would be improper to call a vote upon the general statement of the question, as it naturally divided itself into two propositions; 1st, "Ought the demands, so far "as regard internal legislation and reformation of Parliament, to be "granted?" Second, "Ought the Irish to participate in every commer"cial privilege with Great Britain?" The Society having agreed to call a vote upon those distinct propositions, the former carried unanimously, while the latter passed in the affirmative by a majority of six only.

Upon Thursday next, the following question will be the subject of debate, "Against which ought YOUTH to be most GUARDED, the Snares "of their own, or the other Sex?"

Tickets to be had, as usual, at Mr SWAN's shop, Head of Carrubber's Close, and of the Members.

SALE OF TAR AND STOCK FISH.

THERE is to be SOLD, at a very reasonable rate, from 30 to 40 Barrels of Fine Thick Bergen Tar, fit for smearing sheep, &c. Also, Several Tons of Stock Fish.

Apply to Archibald Kemp merchant in Musselburgh.

TO BE SUNK,

ONE Thousand Pounds Sterling, on an annuity during the life of the receiver.

For particulars, apply to David Erskine clerk to the signet.

WANTED,

A SCHOOL-MASTER for the parish of Bathgate, in the county of Linlithgow. The branches of education which he must be qualified to teach are, English, Writing, Arithmetic, French, Latin, Book-keeping, with the more useful parts of Mathematics. Besides a house and garden, the emoluments of the School of Bathgate have for some time past amounted to 40 l. a-year. And, to a teacher of exertion and ability, there is almost a certainty that they would still increase.

For particulars, candidates may apply to Mr Jardine minister of Bathgate, or to John Fleming of Craigs; with either of whom certificates of their characters and qualifications may be lodged on or before the 20th of next month.

Nov. 20. 1783.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES TAIT Merchant in Glasgow.

THAT, upon the 19th September last, the Court of Session, under the authority of the late bankrupt statute, awarded sequestration of the said James Tait's estate; and have since confirmed the appointment of Mr George Muir writer in Glasgow, as trustee thereon; who, in compliance with the rules prescribed by the said act of Parliament, hereby requires all the Creditors of the said James Tait, within nine calender months (which expire on the 19th June next) from the date of the sequestration, to lodge their grounds of debt, and claims against the bankrupt, with oaths for proving the same in the hands of the said George Muir the trustee, under the certification expressed in the said statute, viz. That all those Creditors who shall neglect to comply with this requisition, shall not be entitled to any share in the first distribution of the said James Tait's estate.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Mrs Buchan, vintner in Greenlaw, upon Monday the 26th day of January next, at 12 o'clock noon,

The Lands and Estate of GORDONBANK,

lying in the parish of Greenlaw, and shire of Berwick. The rent is upwards of L. 140 Sterling yearly. There is a great mansion-house upon the premisses with suitable office-houses, a garden, and orchard, and a good deal of old planting.

Gordonbank is pleasantly situated, having a commanding and most extensive prospect. The Lands are all inclosed, the fences in good order, and the one half of the Lands is in old grass, and may be entered to immediately.

For further particulars apply to the proprietor at Gordonbank, or to Alex. Christie, jun. writer in Dunse, in whose hands the writs and conditions of roup may be seen.

THE CREDITORS of the deceased MAJOR MARJORIBANKS of Crumrigg, and of JOHN MARJORIBANKS, now of Crumrigg, his Son, are desired to send notes of their debts, and how constituted, to James Bell writer, Canongate, Edinburgh.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of ROBERT DOWNS, Baker and Grain Merchant in Glasgow.

THAT upon the application of the said Robert Downs, with concurrence of certain of his Creditors, whose debts amount to upwards of 200 l. Sterling, the Lords of Council and Session did, upon the 20th November current, AWARD SEQUESTRATION of the said Robert Downs's estate, real and personal; and appointed his Creditors to meet at Glasgow, in the house of Peter Mackinlay vintner there upon Wednesday the 26th current, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to name an interim-factor upon the said sequestrated estate, in terms of the statute.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of DAVID MACLURE and COMPANY, Merchants in Ayr.

UPON the application of David Maclure merchant in Ayr, one of the partners of the company trading under the firm of "David "Maclure and Company," merchants in Ayr, with the concurrence of Messr. Douglas, Heron, and Company, late bankers in Ayr, and their factor and manager, creditors to the said David Maclure and Company the Court of Session did, upon the 19th day of November current, SEQUESTRATE the whole real and personal estate of the said David Maclure and Company, and appointed their creditors to meet at Ayr, within the house of —— Wharton vintner, (King's Arms) upon Saturday the 6th day of December next, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to their naming an interim-factor upon the said sequestrated estate, in terms of the late bankrupt act.

Of which interlocutor and appointment, this public notice is given, that all having interest may attend.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of MESS. MACLURE and MACREE Merchants in Ayr.

UPON the application of David Maclure merchant in Ayr, one of the partners of the Company trading under the firm of "Messr. "Maclure and Macree merchants in Ayr," with the concurrence of Messr. Douglas, Heron, and Company, late bankers in Ayr, and their factor and manager, creditors to the said Messr. Maclure and Macree, the Lords of Council and Session did, upon the 19th day of November current, SEQUESTRATE the whole real and personal estate of the said Maclure and Macree, and appointed their creditors to meet at Ayr, within the house of Robert Wharton, vintner (King's Arms) upon Saturday the 6th day of December next, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to their naming an interim-factor upon the said sequestrated estate, in terms of the late bankrupt act.

Of which interlocutor and appointment this public notice is given, that all having interest may attend.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of MILLS THOMAS Merchant in Edinburgh.

THAT upon the application of Alexander Young writer in Edinburgh, the Lords of Council and Session, in terms of the act of Parliament of the 23d of his present Majesty, entitled, "An act for "rendering the payment of the creditors of insolvent debtors more e-"qual and expeditious, &c." did, upon the 4th of November current, sequestrate the whole real and personal estate of the said Mills Thomas situated within the jurisdiction of the Court; and appointed the Creditors to meet upon the 20th of said month, in order to name an interim-factor upon the said sequestrated estate. That, at a meeting of the Creditors held in consequence of the said appointment, they unanimously made choice of Alexander Alison writer in Edinburgh to be interim-factor on the said estate:—Therefore, the said Alexander Alison hereby intimates to all concerned, That a General Meeting of the creditors of the said Mills Thomas is to be held within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house in Edinburgh upon Thursday the 8th January 1784, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of chusing a trustee: As also, That the Sheriff-substitute of the shire of Edinburgh has appointed Thursday the 27th current, and the three succeeding Thursdays, at one o'clock afternoon, in the Sheriff-clerk's Office, for the public examination of the bankrupt and his family. Of all which this intimation is given in terms of the statute.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,

THE DILIGENCE,

PHILIP BUTLER Master,

Now lying at the birth in Leith harbour taking in goods for London, and will sail on the 4th of December.

For freight, apply to the Master, or to Andrew Cassels shipmaster in Leith.

FOR LONDON,

THE LOVELY MARY,

WILLIAM BEATSON Master,

LYING in Leith Harbour, taking in goods, and sails the 2d December 1783.

The Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouse, at 'Change hours, Mornings and evenings on board the ship, or at his house in Queen Street, Leith.

N. B. The above ship has neat accommodations for passengers, and the best of usage may be depended on.

For Port Antonio, Annotta Bay, Port Maria, and Ora-Cabessa, JAMAICA,

THE SHIP OCEAN,

(Burden about 300 Tons)

BENJAMIN MOORE Master,

IS now ready to take on board goods at Greenock, and will positively be clear to sail the 15th December next.

The Ocean has excellent accommodation for passengers.—She calls at a port in Ireland, and at one or two of the Windward Islands, if encouraging freight offers.

For freight or passage, apply to Messr. Robert Dunmore and Co. merchants in Glasgow; Messrs. Malcolm, Ritchie, and Leitch, merchants in Greenock; or David Paterson insurance broker in Edinburgh.

GREENOCK, Nov 12. 1783.

FOR NEW YORK,

THE SHIP MENTOR,

JOHN LAUGHTON Master.

She is now taking on board goods at GREENOCK, and has part of her cargo in. She will positively sail the first fair wind after the 25th instant. The Mentor is a very fine vessel, and a remarkable sailer.

For freight or passage, apply to Ja. M'Dowal merchant in Glasgow, John Baird merchant in Greenock, or to the Master on board the Ship.

For Kingston and Morant Bay, Jamaica, (to call at Cork),

THE SHIP ELIZA,

HAMILTON FOSTER Master,

Now lying at PORT-GLASGOW, ready to take in goods, and will sail by the 10th December next.—The Eliza is a fine large ship of 350 tons burden, and has good accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to Alexander Houston and Co.

GLASGOW, 14th November 1783.

A HOUSE TO BE SOLD,

In High School Square,

A Genteel Modern-built HOUSE, consisting of seven fire-rooms, a Kitchen, Pantry, Cellars, &c. with a water-pipe in the back-court. Being in the neighbourhood of the High School and College, makes it a most desirable situation for educating a family.

For particulars, apply to Samuel Mitchelson clerk to the signet, Carrubber's Close.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,

A COMMODIOUS HOUSE, near the middle of Dickson's Close. It consists of two storeys, being the second and third above the ground, and which are connected by a good stair within the house. On the first flat are a genteel small parlour with a light closet adjoining, two bed-chambers, a kitchen and pantry; and, on the second a good dining-room, with two bed-closets adjoining, one whereof has a fire-place, a bed-chamber, with another light closet adjoining, and servants room. There are also several presses, with other conveniencies, on both the flats: and there belongs to the premisses a large cellar, with a fire-place, which has been sometimes let separately at 50 shillings of rent. The house is well lighted and well aired on both sides, and may be entered to immediately. Miss Sommerville, on the flat below, will shew it; and for further particulars apply to John M'Nab writer to the signet.

TENEMENT and GARDEN in DALKEITH.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the House of Mr Burns, vintner Dalkeith, upon Saturday the 29th day of November instant, at 12 o'clock noon, a Tenement of Houses, with a Garden and some full grown timber trees thereon, lying on the north side of the high street of Dalkeith, nearly opposite to the Cross, and extending from the street down to the water.

For particulars apply to Joseph Norris, writer in Edinburgh, or James Mitchell, Baker in Dalkeith.

SALE OF HOUSES IN EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse Edinburgh upon Thursday, the 18th of December, 1783, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

I. A HOUSE in the Old Bank close, Edinburgh, possessed by Sir James Campbell, consisting of seven rooms, closets, kitchen and cellars; insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, at 4000 l. Scots, or 333 l. 6s. 8d. Sterling, and the premium paid up. The upset price, 350 l.

II. A HOUSE fronting the High street, at the head of Morrison's close, being the 5th story of Sym's land, consisting of two rooms, bed closets and kitchen, possessed by Miss Allan; insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, at 1290 l. Scots, or 107 l. 10 s. Sterling, and the premium paid up. The upset price 90 l. Sterling.

For further particulars apply to Robert Stewart writer, Edinburgh, who will shew the title deeds, and articles of roup.

SALE OF A HOUSE,

IN THE TOWN OF ST ANDREWS, IN FIFESHIRE.

THAT House, Offices, and Garden, in St Andrews, lying in the South Street thereof, and presently possest by Mrs Nairne.—There is a very genteel entry to the House, and it contains, on the ground floor, a large vaulted kitchen, larder, laundry, house-keeper's room, servants hall, and other conveniencies;—on the principal floor, a large lobby, off which, on the right hand, there is a dining-room, drawing-room, bed-chamber, and dressing room; and, on the left hand, a breakfasting parlour, family bed-chamber, two dressing-rooms, and closet;—the second floor, six bed-chambers, with closets.—Above, accommodations for servants, with garrets.

The House may be entered to at Candlemas next; and, if it does not sell, it will be let for one or more years, as shall be agreed on.—Mrs Nairne's servants will shew the house; and for particulars, application may be made to William Lumsdaine, clerk to the signet.

If the purchaser chuses, the price may remain in his hands, on bond, or other security.

GROUND IN EAST LOTHIAN TO SELL.

THAT Piece of Ground called the BANK PARK, consisting of 24 acres or thereby, lying at the west end of the town of Tranent, parish thereof, and county of Haddington.

This ground is all inclosed, occupies a rising ground, which commands an extensive view of the firth of Forth. Is extremely proper for building upon. Lies nine miles from Edinburgh, and within a quarter of a mile of Tranent, in a pleasant country.

Any person wanting to purchase may apply to Sir George Suttie, Baronet, at Balgone, the proprietor, or to Cornelius Elliott writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

Not to be repeated.

SALE OF LANDS IN MID LOTHIAN.

TO be SOLD, the Lands of WESTER BRIGGS, CATSTANE, and FOORD MOUTH of ALMOND, lying in the parish of Kirkliston, and sheriffdom of Edinburgh, consisting of about 162 acres, holden of the Crown for payment of 1 l. 10 s. Scots of feu-duty, and valued in the cess-books at 329 l. Scots. The lands lie near the post-road, betwixt Edinburgh and Linlithgow, within a mile of Kirkliston and seven measured miles from Edinburgh, are of a fine rich soil, pleasantly situate on the banks of the river Almond, and command an agreeable prospect of the country adjacent. On the farm of Wester Briggs is an excellent Farm-house, and good offices.

The title-deeds, rental, and plan of the grounds to be seen in the hands of George Hepburn writer in Edinburgh: to whom such as incline to purchase may apply; and the tenant of Wester Briggs will shew the lands.

JUDICIAL SALE,

(UPSET PRICE REDUCED.)

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session-House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 3d of December next, before the Lord Ordinary on the Bills, betwixt the hours of three and six afternoon,

The SUBJECTS following, which pertained

to the deceased WILLIAM BELCHIER of Grange, viz.

All and Haill the Lands and Barony of GRANGE, with the Coal and Salt Works, Iron Stone, Iron Ore, and others, with the lands and pertinents, as specified in the act of roup.

The lands are proven to be worth twenty-five and one-half year's purchase of the neat proven rent, being 400l. free of all deductions, amounting to - - - L. 10,200

The coal and salt works are proven to be worth eleven years purchase of the proven rental, being 300 l. amounting to 3,300

The iron stone or iron ore are proven also to be worth eleven years purchase of the proven rent, being 100 l. amounting to - - - 1,100

Total value, L. 14,600

Which is now reduced by the Lords to 13,800

The lands hold blench of the Crown for payment of a penny Scots, if asked only. The houses, kiln, malt-barn, and others, lying at the old mill of Grange, of old called St John's Bank, and others, which were purchased by the deceased William Belchier from David Stevenson, son and apparent heir of the deceased David Stevenson shipmaster in Borrowstounness, being part of the subjects under sale; hold feu of the said William Belchier for payment of 16 merks Scots, 6½ bolls wheat, and 8 hens yearly, and the houses, biggings, &c. in Bridgeneise, and piece of ground lying at the west side of the Cunningar of Grange, three kail yards, a piece of grass ground, &c. being also part of the subject under sale, purchased by the said William Belchier from Harry Allan writer in Edinburgh; hold feu of the heirs of the said William Belchier for payment of 20 s. Scots yearly. The proven rent of these subjects being neat 800 l. free of all deductions, no deductions are made on that account.

The articles and conditions, and act of roup, will be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson depute-clerk of session, or John Russel clerk to the signet.

SALE OF HOUSES IN EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 17th December next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

The FOLLOWING SUBJECTS lying at the head of the West Bow, and back of the City Guard, viz.

LOT I. The Second, Third, and Fourth Storeys and Garrets of that Tenement of Land lying at the head of the West Bow, Edinburgh, on the south side of the street, fronting both to the Bow and Lawn Market, as presently possessed by Mrs Dow, John Butter, and Mrs Macgill tenants thereof, at the yearly rent of 15 l. Sterling.

LOT II. That Dwelling-house and Shop lying at the Back of the City-Guard, Edinburgh, as presently possessed by Mr Cuthbertson sadler at the yearly rent of 15 l. Sterling.

LOT III. That other Dwelling-house and Shop immediately above the last lot, as lately possessed by Mr Macpherson watchmaker, at the yearly rent of 18 l. Sterling. The whole of the above subjects are insured in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, upon the old plan, and the premiums paid up.

The progress of writs, and conditions to be seen in the hands of Mr Mitchelson, Carrubber's Close, who has power to conclude a private bargain.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS,

IN THE COUNTY OF DUMFRIES.

TO be SOLD, by Authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 12th of December 1783, between the hours of four and six afternoon,

The Five Pound Land of the Ten Pound Land of ECCLEFECHAN,

comprehending the Lands of Hall of Ecclefechan and others, with several Houses within the village of Ecclefechan, situated in the parish of Hoddam and sheriffdom of Dumfries, lately belonging to the now deceased Mr ALEXANDER ORR, writer to the signet.

The proven rental of this estate is 124 l. 17 s. 4 d. Sterling, and valuing the free rental at twenty-three years purchase, and the privilege of purchasing the teinds at five years purchase, the upset-price is 2366 l. 3 s. 4 d. 2-12ths Sterling.

These lands hold of a subject-superior, and lie in a pleasant situation, mostly adjoining to the village of Ecclefechan, within sixteen miles of the town and port of Dumfries, and four miles of the town and port of Annan, upon the great road leading from Carlisle to Glasgow by Moffat.—They contain between two and three hundred acres mostly arable, of an excellent soil, and capable of the highest improvement, which can be made at a small expence, by means of a lime-stone quarry within that part of the estate called the Hall.

The articles of roup, &c. are to be seen in the office of Mr George Kirkpatrick depute-clerk of session; and persons desirous of further information may apply to John Tait jun. writer to the signet, Edinburgh, or Robert Ramsay writer in Dumfries, who will furnish particular rentals, &c.

☞ The Papers which were in the possession of the late Mr Alex. Orr, among which are many title-deeds of estates, bonds, bills, and other documents of debt, &c. belonging to different persons, are now in Mr Tait's hands, and to him persons interested in these papers will please apply for them.

COUNTY OF ELGIN AND FORRES.

Forres, Nov. 4. 1783.

AT a Meeting of the Landed Proprietors of said county, held this day, it was unanimously resolved, to present a petition to Parliament, for the purpose of obtaining a correction of the abuses which have of late prevailed in the creation of nominal and fictitious votes in the election of Commissioners to serve in Parliament; and in regard the present member from this county is himself inrolled on a fictitious vote, and may not be disposed to give his support to this petition,—they recommended it to their preses, or such others of the landed proprietors of the county as may be in London during the ensuing winter, to take the earliest and most effectual measures for having the same properly presented and supported in Parliament.—And they appointed their minutes to be signed by their Preses, and their Petition, of which the following is a copy, to be published in the different news-papers.

Unto the Honourable the COMMONS OF GREAT BRITAIN in Parliament assembled, the Humble PETITION of the Landed Proprietors of the County of ELGIN and FORRES.

"THAT your Petitioners have beheld, with the most extreme regret, the illegal and unconstitutional practices which have of late prevailed in the creation of nominal and fictitious qualifications, used in the election of commissioners for shires to serve in Parliament from this part of the united kingdom. They apprehend, this right was wisely vested by the ancient Constitution, in the real proprietors and heritors of the country, as the description of men most deeply and most permanently interested in its safety and prosperity. And, they cannot but look on every deviation from this original principle as of the most dangerous and alarming tendency.

"That not less than three-fourths of the persons presently put to the roll of electors for this county, have no property or substantial interest of any kind therein, the greater part of them being actually the tenants and menial servants of a few overgrown proprietors or lords superiors, many of them residing in other counties and remote places, in no degree informed of the situation, or affected by the disposition or welfare of the district to which they come forward to give a legislator.

"That this grievance is not confined alone to the abuse of the sacred privilege of chusing a representative in Parliament, but it has been carried farther, to cast disgrace and contempt on the Courts of Commission of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply. By the ancient usage of this country, every real proprietor of land entitled to be inrolled an elector, was, of course, considered a proper person to discharge the duty of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Supply; his property, his character, and information in general, marked him out for these offices. This is now, however, copied in the case of fictitious voters; and ignorant and servile dependents have filled the seats of Justice and of Police, turning into ridicule and contempt the most valuable and constitutional institutions. The real proprietors of the county were first over-ruled in every public measure and deliberation; and have since, in many instances, been banished from its meetings, and the good government, improvement and police of the country become utterly neglected:—and this in so far that at the last election of a member to serve in Parliament for this county, not above seven real proprietors could be prevailed on to give their presence or countenance.

"By the original spirit of the laws of election, none but real proprietors were permitted to vote in elections; and although this has been attempted to be inforced by subsequent regulations, and even by the most sacred oaths, yet the false ambition of some, aided by the chicane of others, have rendered the one abortive, and made a mockery of the other; so that at present, by the mode of splitting superiorities, a person not having a real interest of a shilling in this kingdom, and perhaps residing in the Court, and under the influence of a foreign power, may nevertheless determine the return of any member sent to the British Parliament, with authority to dispose of the lives and properties, and to consult for the safety of the subjects of the empire.

"That your petitioners have no desire of depriving men of large estates of that natural and honest influence, which great property ever had, and must have; but only of attaching that influence to real, not fictitious, rights; and that public men should rest their consequence and power on the good opinion of their fellow-citizens, and on their own fidelity, zeal, and activity, in promoting the prosperity and happiness of their own districts, and of the public at large. Until this is the case, Parliament must ever be deprived of its true energy, and the best government of its chief glory and support, the love and confidence of the people.

"Your petitioners, therefore, supplicate this Honourable House, to take the grievance complained of under consideration; and by such means as shall be found most expedient, to abolish the creation of nominal and fictitious qualifications to vote in the election of Commissioners for Shires; at least to give such redress as this House in its wisdom shall think proper.

(Signed) "A. P. CUMMING, Preses."

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